

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Each of independent claims 1, 6, 13-15, and 17-19 is rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent 1,593,242 to Cutler. Independent claims 1, 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-19 are also rejected as anticipated by either U.S. Patent 5,476,138 to Iwasaki et al. or U.S. Patent 6,571,898 to Guyomard. Reconsideration of each of these rejections is requested.

Each independent claim of this application is amended above to reflect that the "guides" specified provide for movement of the heat exchanger module in a direction parallel to a front wall of a motor vehicle carrying structure. It is respectfully submitted that the limitations added to the independent claims of this application serve to distinguish the invention from each of the disclosures relied on by the Examiner. In the Cutler radiator construction, the flanges 36, identified as sliding guides by the Examiner, do not permit movement of the core portion 15 in a direction parallel to a front wall of outer casing or shell 1. The sidewalls 52 of the Iwasaki et al. mounting device, identified as sliding guides by the Examiner, also do not permit movement of the heat exchanger 43 in a direction parallel to the end wall 50. Finally, in the Guyomard device, receiving blocks 30 do not permit movement of heat exchange module 10 in a direction parallel to the front wall of structure 12.

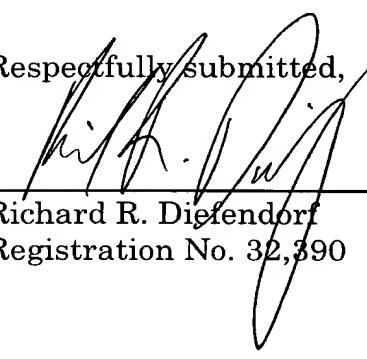
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None of independent claims 1, 6, 8, 12-15, and 17-19 is anticipated by any of the disclosures previously relied on by the Examiner for reasons discussed above. U.S. Patent 5,271,473 to Ikeda et al., relied on as a secondary reference to reject dependent claims 9-11, does not suggest modifying any of the Cutler, Iwasaki et al., and Guyomard disclosures to meet the limitations discussed above, and it is respectfully submitted that all of the independent claims mentioned are patentable. The remaining, dependent claims of this application are patentable as well.

This application is now in allowable condition for reasons discussed above. Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Reply, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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